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RE: Yosemite Slough Site, San Francisco, California

Dear Nico:

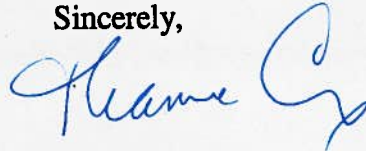
In regard to your letter dated December 7, 2011, I am glad to hear that you found the legal meeting on December 2, 2011 productive. We will have a similar meeting on January 30, 2012 to parallel the next Yosemite Slough Technical Stakeholder Committee (TSC) meeting. At your request, I would like to confirm and/or clarify our understanding of the outcomes of the meeting.

- **Waste Classification Study.** Craig Cooper has tasked the EPA contractor with scoping out the costs associated with conducting a waste classification study. If approved by EPA, EPA's contractor will prepare a Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) for this study. EPA is also making the logistical arrangements for the EPA boat and vibracore sampler. Craig is working diligently trying to get the field work completed in January to have data ready by the February 29<sup>th</sup> TSC meeting. Craig will share EPA's draft SAP with Bridgette requesting her input before EPA performs the work. Please note that EPA's costs for this study and all other EPA response action costs at the Yosemite Slough Site are subject to cost recovery from potentially responsible parties under Section 107(a) of CERCLA.
- **Geotechnical Study.** As discussed at our December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, EPA understands that the Yosemite Slough PRP group will undertake a geotechnical study at the Yosemite Slough Site with the goal of presenting the results of this study at our February 29<sup>th</sup> TSC meeting. EPA requests that the Yosemite Slough PRP group provide the draft study workplan to EPA for EPA input prior to performing the work. Please have Bridgette coordinate with Craig on this plan review.
- **Site Boundary Issues.** Craig has shared the Navy's GIS files of contaminant data for the South Basin with Bridgette. We are in the process of requesting supplemental South Basin data from the Navy and will make that data available to Bridgette upon receipt from the Navy. At this time EPA is still evaluating expanding the boundary of the Site to include the South Basin. Finally, EPA is evaluating existing hydrodynamic data regarding the Yosemite Slough and South Basin for purposes of alternative screening and analyzing alternative implementability in the EECA. It is possible that additional hydrodynamic studies and analysis may be required in the remedy design phase.

- **Source Investigation.** Yes, we will keep you informed of the status of our source investigation as it progresses. We hope to issue additional Section 104(e) information request letters in the near future to owners and operators of facilities in the vicinity of the Site.

We appreciate your participation on behalf of the PRP group in this process. Moreover, we appreciate the group's willingness to perform a geotechnical study to better inform our decisions moving forward.

Sincerely,



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cc: Craig Cooper, EPA  
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